

ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC LIBRARY ADMINISTRATORS MINUTES
Thursday, May 6, 2004
Hickory Knob State Park

Yolanda McCormick, Vice President, opened the meeting at 10:10 am
Martha Bailey, Richard Band, William Cooper, Sally Davidson, Penny Harvey, Beverley James, Faith Line, David Lyon, Sarah McMaster, Paula Paul, Dianne Purdy, Sue Rainey, Ann Ramsey, Tucky Taylor, Norris Wootton. Jim Johnson represented the State Library.

MINUTES

The minutes of the last meeting were read, and a motion to accept them was made by Faith Line, and seconded by Ann Ramsey. Positive vote was unanimous.

SLATE of OFFICERS

The following slate of officers was presented.

Yolanda McCormick, President

Beverly James, Vice President

Bill Cooper, Treasurer

Sharon Rowe, Secretary

Officer at large, Norris Wootton

Officer at large, Mary Elizabeth Lane

A motion that they be accepted was made by David Lyon and seconded by Sarah McMaster. Positive vote was unanimous.

The standing committees would remain the same:

Sarah McMaster, Continuing Education

Dwight McInvaill, Legislative

Bylaws, Faith Line

Beverly James, Trustee

Richard Band, Arrangements/Procurement

Carl Stone, Building Resources

Faith Line, SCLA

Martha Bailey, Membership

Nominating, Todd Stephens by status of past president

FINANCIAL REPORT

Bill Cooper had not yet arrived, but some preliminary discussion was held regarding some of the high expenses that showed up on the Financial report. One was the \$500.00 for the speaker last November (HIPA) and more egregious was the difference between the income and expense for APLA meeting lunches. The motion was made by David Lyon, and seconded by Faith Line, that the libraries be billed for reserving lunches, but not paying for them. Positive vote was unanimous.

Upcoming expenses were reviewed, and a motion was made by Ann Ramsey and seconded by Martha Bailey, that \$100.00 per room be given as a subsidy and in encourage for attendance at the SCAC meeting in August at Hilton Head. Positive vote was unanimous. Further discussion was tabled until Bill Cooper's arrival.

STATE LIBRARY REPORT

Jim Johnson, State Librarian, gave a report on the budget status. The Senate was supposedly debating as we met, but so far that week they had been a bit desultory. But if and when it is

debated the proposed State Library budget would have State Aid at almost 93 cents per capita (IF revenue brought in by increasing collections and IF restructuring didn't take place.) AND a total of 3.8 million for the Lottery with the proviso that 50% could be spent on materials and the State Library would get \$100,000 for technology.

The House budget has State Aid at 80 cents per capita and 3 million from the Lottery, all of which had to be spent on technology.

Obviously with such a difference, the budget will be going to a conference committee, which is made up of the chairmen of the House Ways and Means and Senate Finance, respectively, and two other members from each house. Letter need to go out to these two individuals before the other four members are chosen. We need to STRESS our educational functions, especially help given to schools in reading readiness so students can do better on their standardized testing.

Dates to remember: Legislature has to adjourn by the first Thursday in June.

Restructuring – Senate Bill 841 is essentially dead in the Senate. It didn't get to the House on time. House bill on restructuring hasn't made it to the Senate on time either, so passing any sort of restructuring is doubtful this year.

National Library Legislative Day – Public libraries need more representation. Delegation met with Spratt, Clyburn and Graham. Congress usually has around 13 appropriation bills. This year there are only 4: Defense, Defense Construction, Homeland Security, and everything else. Continuing resolution is probable.

Motion made by Ann Ramsay and seconded by Bill Cooper for APLA to nominate two directors to go to Washington for NLLD next May and pay up to \$500.00 each and that the spring retreat be scheduled so there is not a conflict.

Adjourned for Lunch.

Meeting reconvened after lunch at 1:00 pm.

GUEST SPEAKERS

Tom Basler from the Library of the Medical University of South Carolina and Ruth Riley from the USC School of Medicine Library presented a program on the "Go Local" site on Medline Plus. At the moment this is only available for North Carolina and Missouri. What is needed is local information on the county level. York, Greenville, Orangeburg, and Fairfield Libraries volunteered to pilot the project. Once a topic is chosen there is an option to "Go Local" As an example, explore the site at <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/anatomy.html>

If you have further questions for either of them, then please contact them directly.

Tom Basler basler@musc.edu, or 843-792-9211 and Ruth Riley ruth@med.sc.edu, or 803-733-3353

Yolanda McCormick then called the business meeting back to order at 2:30

Bill Cooper clarified the difference between Expense and Income for the lunches. Besides the unpaid lunches, the welcoming coffee and donuts, etc. came out of this item. There was further discussion on past expenses, including the cost of an official photographer at Library Legislative Day. Richard Band suggested that the Legislative Day committee consider not having a photographer. Further discussion on future expenses followed. Beverly James made a motion,

which was seconded by Faith Line, that five door prizes costing \$25.00 each be given at the SCAC conference and that Colleen and Ann Ramsey vet any donations to ensure that our image be protected.

A general discussion followed as to goals for the coming year with the following results:

- APLA meeting would take place at other libraries
- Pilot project with the “Go Local”, partnering with MUSC and the USC School of Medicine
- Support ALA/National Library Legislative Day
- Follow through on developing a Legislative calendar
- Work with the State Library Board regarding the selection of a new State Librarian once Jim makes his resignation official.
- Beverly James made a motion, David Lyon seconded, that Yolanda McCormick contact SCLA, PASCAL, SCASL about joining together to explore the hiring of a Legislative Consultant. Positive vote was unanimous.

Discussion followed as to when was the best time to contact legislators. Several of them said that agendas were set long before we saw them in March. It was suggested that sometime during the week after Thanksgiving, November 29 – December 3, that each county director (and friends?) take their delegation to lunch to prompt attention to library’s need for \$2.00 per capita State Aid, and whatever else is needed.

A further goal is to increase attendance at APLA meetings. Beverly James pointed out there were three components, location, context and frequency. So after much discussion, the following tentative schedule was derived as guidance for the Executive Committee.

August 6: Hilton Head, SCAC meeting – Libraries need to be seen by those counties where it is important for them to be seen.

September: Columbia – Hear from Dan Barron about the results of survey

October 27: Greenville, with SCLA meeting, tour of new library

January: Columbia -preliminaries for LLD, Humanities Council rebirth, Succession planning, perhaps

March: Florence, new library tour

Late April/early May: Retreat near Myrtle Beach, cannot conflict with National Legislative day, nor be impacted by Biker’s weekend.

Motion was made by Sarah, seconded by Faith, that we adjourn until tomorrow morning at 9 am. Positive vote was unanimous.

Friday, May 7, 2004

Yolanda McCormick called the meeting to order at 9:00 am. A general free ranging and lively discussion was held covering some of the following topics: personnel, facilities, programming, online book clubs, collection development.

Motion was made by Sarah, seconded by Faith, that we adjourn. Positive vote was unanimous.

Submitted by Penny Harvey, Secretary.